

# Education Pays

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*Invest in your future and reap the dividends!*



Job Trends

***Education is the ticket to higher earnings and increased job stability,*** according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. As the charts show, workers who get more education enjoy significantly higher pay. Are you a high school graduate? Invest in a bachelor's degree, and your earnings will jump by an average of over \$350 a week! Go on for an advanced degree, and your wages increase even more dramatically. U.S. workers with a professional degree earn more than three times as much as high school dropouts. However, you do not need that much education to earn a bigger paycheck. The payoff begins for those who graduate high school. They earn \$174 a week more than those who don't. Thinking of dropping out of high school? Think about what you could do with an extra \$696 a month!

But wait, there's more!

Those who stay in school not only enjoy higher earnings, but are also much less likely to be out of work. Drop out of high school and you will work less... a LOT less...and be unemployed more. Not only will you earn \$299 less per week than your classmates who earned associate degrees, you will find yourself twice as likely to face unemployment

as them. Ouch! Conversely, someone with a professional degree is seven times less likely to be unemployed than a high school dropout. What does all of this mean? Get as much education and training as you can!

***You'll be glad you did.***

## Median Weekly Earnings by Education Level, 2005

